



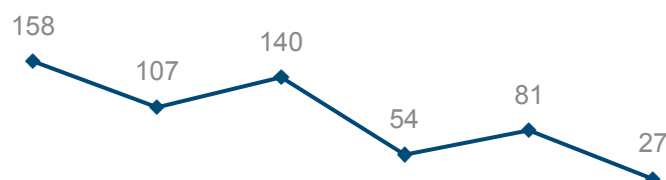
STUDENTS STUDYING IN U.S.



2012/13 2013/14 2014/15 2015/16 2016/17

Source: 2017 Open Doors Report (published by IIE, funded by the U.S. Department of State)

U.S. STUDENTS IN BANGLADESH



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Source: 2017 Open Doors Report

Students in U.S. by Academic Level

Number	%	% Change (1 year)
1,816	25.4%	1.7%
4,319	60.5%	12.4%
97	1.4%	-23%
911	12.8%	20%

Source: 2017 Open Doors Report

Type of Institution

Type of Institution	%
Associate's Colleges	14%
Baccalaureate Colleges	14%
Doctorate-granting Universities	41%
Master's Colleges and Universities	27%
Special Focus Institutions	4%

Source: 2017 Open Doors Report

Students Studying in U.S. 2016 / 2017

7,143

Percentage Change from 2015 / 2016

9.7%

Source: 2017 Open Doors

Total Population

157,826,578

Ages 15-24

19.36 %

Source: The World Factbook

Top 5 Receiving States

1. New York
2. California
3. Texas
4. Massachusetts
5. Pennsylvania

Source: 2017 Open Doors

Student Visas Issued in FY16

F-1 1,711

J-1 375

M-1 9

Source: travel.state.gov

HIGHLIGHTS:

- International students at U.S. colleges and universities increased by 3.4% to 1,078,822 for the 2016/17 academic year.
- Bangladesh continues increase with a growth of 9.7% for the 2016/17 academic year.
- Graduate students (Masters/PhD) make up 60.5% of Bangladeshi students in the U.S., however the highest growth, +20% can be seen among students accessing extended OPT opportunities.
- There is a 23% decline in students pursuing non-degree related studies.
- Approximately 14% of the institutions Bangladeshi students are attending are Associates Colleges (2 year degree). Approximately 62% of the institutions Bangladeshi students are attending are public institutions.
- The number of U.S. students traveling to Bangladesh to study for academic credit at their home university in the United States decreased to 27 students from 81.



Education System Overview

- **Pre-high school (# of years):** 6 years
- **High school (# of years):** 6 years
- **Academic year:**
 - **English schools:** August – June
 - **Bangla schools:** January – November
 - **Major school holidays/break:** Varies according to the lunar calendar but June, July, October, and December have the largest amount of holidays in the year.
 - **Major exam period(s):** May/June and November
- **Recommended times for U.S. institution visit:** October, November, February and March

Secondary Education (high school)

- **Language of instruction:** Bangla and English
- **Years of mandatory English courses:** 12 years
- **Grading system and interpretation:** There are 2 systems available to complete high school: Bangla system and English system. The Bangla system follows a scale of GPA 5.0 and the English system follows UK based grading system under either Edexcel or Cambridge Board. Bangla and English version in national curriculum, and Madrasa (religious) curriculum. GCSE/IGCSE-A levels, International Baccalaureate curriculum available in English medium schools
- **Subjects required:** The English system has requirements from Edexcel and Cambridge curriculums while the Bangla system has three streams: Humanities, Science and Business Education that have their own subject requirements.
- **Graduation requirements:** English system requires passing the exam from Edexcel or Cambridge while the Bangla system requires passing the exam from national curriculum board.
- **Name of school leaving exams:** English system: O Levels upon completion of Grades 9-10 and A Levels upon completion of Grades 11-12. Bangla system: (Government/National curriculum) SSC – Secondary School
- **How to verify school leaving exams:** Through the individual schools
- **Other credentials:** Madrasah Education:
Secondary level: Dakhil (Grades 6 – 10) – Equivalent to national curriculum Secondary School Certificate (SSC)
Tertiary level: Alim (Grades 11 – 12) - Equivalent to local curriculum - Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)
Standardized test availability in-country and adviser recommendations: SAT, ACT, TOEFL, IELTS, GRE and GMAT

Notes/Comments/Special Circumstances: Grades 11-12 is called “college” in Bangladesh. Grades 13+ is called “university”. Queries about the Bangladesh education system can be directed to EducationUSA-Bangla@state.gov. EducationUSA Dhaka does not attest or notarize transcripts.

Structure of University System

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 4 years
- **The language of instruction in universities:** English
- **Years of required English instruction in universities:** Majority of courses are conducted in English
- **Grading system and interpretation:** At a Bachelor level, Public and Private universities both follow GPA system using a scale of 4.0
- **Degrees offered:** Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate
- **Top fields of study/majors:** Engineering (CS) and Business (Marketing)
- **Standardized test availability/frequency offered in country:** GRE, GMAT, IELTS, TOEFL, USMLE Steps 1 & 2



- Standardized test mean scores:**

TOEFL iBT (https://www.ets.org/s/toefl/pdf/94227_unlweb.pdf)

Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
21	22	21	23	87

GRE (https://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/snapshot_test_taker_data_2016.pdf)

Number of Test Takers	Verbal Reasoning		Quantitative Reasoning		Analytical Writing	
	MEAN	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
3540	144.8	6.7	155.7	6.6	2.9	0.6

- Study Abroad:** When students leave the country to study abroad, where does the U.S. rank among destinations
Rank: 1. Malaysia 2. U.S. 3. UK 4. Australia 5. Germany
U.S. is the #1 choice for study abroad

Educational Authorities and International Education Resources

Higher Education options in Bangladesh:

134 universities (39 public, 95 private); [University Grants Commission](#) (UGC) is the regulatory body.

Organization: University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

Website: <http://www.ugc.gov.bd>

Telephone: •Phone: 88-02-8113242, 88-02-8124133

Email: secretaryugc@yahoo.com

Organization: Ministry of Education, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Controller of Examinations

Website: <http://www.educationboard.gov.bd>

Telephone: 88-02-9669815

EducationUSA

- 3 EducationUSA Centers (2 in Dhaka & 1 in Chittagong), 7 Advisers, around 20,000 visitors (Jan-July, 2017)
- 6 American spaces – The American Center, EMK Center (Dhaka), Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Sylhet

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